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William Childress
Virginia Motor Vehicle Dealer Board
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Re: Independent Motor Vehicle Dealer Dealer-Operator Recertification Regulations

Dear Mr. Childress:

I have reviewed the Motor Vehicle Dealer Board's (MVDB) posting for periodic review of the Independent Motor Vehicle Dealer Dealer-Operator Recertification Regulations (24 VAC 22-40-10 through 24 VAC 22-40-70) pursuant to § 2.2-4007.1 of the *Code of Virginia* and Executive Order 14 (2018). This memorandum addresses legal matters only and is not intended as a comment for or against the merits of the proposed regulations.

With regard to the MVDB's review, it is my legal opinion that the MVDB has both the statutory authority and implied authority to enact, amend, revise, and review the existing regulations governing dealer-operator recertification for independent motor vehicle dealers.

Virginia Code § 46.2-1503.4 provide that the MVDB is to establish the qualifications for dealer applicants for certification and licensure and to provide for the examination and qualification and licensing of motor vehicle dealers and salespersons. Va. Code §46.2-1506.1 specifically permits the MVDB to "promulgate regulations specifying additional training or conditions for individuals seeking certification, licensure, or renewal of certificates or licenses." Such authority, by implication, includes the authority to modify, amend, and review such regulations as have been promulgated thereunder as is necessary to carry out MVDB duties under Chapter 15 of Title 46.2 of the Virginia Code.

Finally, I have reviewed the current regulations and confirm that the current regulations pose no current conflict to existing laws.

Sincerely,

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